

NEW EFFORT MADE TO AVERT A STRIKE

Congressional Leaders Framing A Railroad Measure

Brotherhood Leaders Say Whole Matter Rests With Railroads

Washington, Aug. 31.—House Leaders and Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee, framed legislation which they believe will avert the threatened railroad strike. In effect it would provide by law almost exactly the terms of settlement which the president offered the brotherhoods and the railroad presidents, and which the brotherhoods accepted. The legislation takes the form of a bill fixing an eight hour day for work on railroads, with time and one-half for overtime—being more drastic in the last respect than the president's proposal—and providing a commission of three to report to congress on further legislation.

All the influence of the administration was brought to bear in an effort to persuade the railroad brotherhood leaders to cancel or postpone the order calling a nation-wide strike Monday, while leaders in congress began paying the way for legislation designed to prevent or stop the threatened industrial catastrophe. Little tangible progress was made in either direction.



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but, nevertheless, in official quarters there still prevailed confidence that in one way or another the walkout would be averted.

To the spokesmen of President Wilson, who approached them, all of the brotherhood officials give the same reply; that they had no power to recall the strike order and that only one thing—"a satisfactory settlement"—could keep their men at work after 7 a. m. Labor day. Further pressure will be brought to bear, and as a last resort the president is considering a public appeal to the men themselves to have the order rescinded.

Count on Eight Hour Day.

Apparently the legislation which is being counted upon to stay the brotherhoods is that part of the president's program which would fix an eight hour day for railroad employees engaged in operating trains in interstate commerce and provide for an investigation of its effects by a commission

or board. This embodies the principal features of the president's original plan, accepted by the trainmen. W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen, said that its enactment, with a guarantee of the present rate of daily pay would be regarded by the brotherhood leaders as a "satisfactory settlement." Immediately upon its becoming a law, he said, the brotherhood leaders would send out the code message notifying general chairmen that the strike order should not go into effect.

Even some of the congressional leaders, who oppose other features of the program, say such a law could be passed.

One dominant thought in the minds of members of congress generally resulted in the introduction of a resolution by Senator Blair Lee of Maryland calling upon officials of the railroad brotherhoods to postpone execution of the strike order for one week to give congress sufficient time for intelligent consideration of legislation suggested in President Wilson's message. The resolution was referred to the interstate commerce committee without discussion.

Opinion in the senate after the general debate concentrated on the urgent necessity for emergency action first, proposals for permanent legislation to be considered thoroughly after danger of an immediate tie-up had been passed. This sentiment was forcibly expressed on the floor and echoed in conferences of house leaders.

Effect of Threatened Strike.
Toledo, Aug. 31.—Consumers began to feel the effect of the threatened railroad strike. Potatoes leaped 25 cents on the barrel to \$4. Produce dealers say stocks will not last over four days if shipments are shut off. Packers also fear a close down of their plants as stocks of meat are small, owing to big demand made for smoked products during the long hot spell.

Flour Mills Would Close.
Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 31.—Every flour mill in Minneapolis will be closed thirty minutes after the order for a nation-wide railroad strike becomes effective, according to an announcement by the big millers here. All the mills in the city are filled to capacity with no available storage space and no way in which to move the output.

Freight Rate Increase Suspended.
Washington, Aug. 31.—Proposed increases in transcontinental freight rates from the east to intermountain territory and from the Pacific coast to the east, which it was estimated would bring the railroads about \$20,000,000 a year in additional revenue, were suspended by the interstate commerce commission for further investigation.

BAN ON SOCIETIES

Columbus, Aug. 31.—Drastic measures are to be taken at Otterbein college, Westerville, this fall, to stamp out fraternities. In a letter sent out by Dr. Walter G. Clippinger, president of the college, students are notified of the action of the board of trustees on the secret society question. Students matriculating this fall will have to pledge themselves not to join nor to retain membership in any such society.

"WE'LL FIGHT TO LAST AGAINST EIGHT HOUR DAY; IT'S CONFISCATION!" CRY RAILROAD HEADS



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RAILROAD MANAGERS AND PRESIDENT WILSON

Following the secret order of the railroad brotherhoods calling for a strike on Sept. 4, the railroad managers and executives increased their defiance of conceding the eight hour day with ten hours' pay to their men. Every last executive claimed it would be confiscation to adopt a scheme which they say will cost the railroads \$50,000,000 more a year. Congressional interference was held out by President Wilson as the last resort. The only basis on which the railroad managers from the start would consider at all the eight hour day proposition of their employees was with an increase in the freight rate which would offset the salary increase. The rail-

TROOPS ORDERED HOME FROM MEXICO BORDER

Washington, Aug. 31.—Orders for the return to their state mobilization camps of 15,000 national guardsmen now on the Mexican border were issued by the war department. General Funston was directed to return three regiments from New York, two from New Jersey, two from Illinois, two from Missouri and one each from California, Oregon, Washington and Louisiana.

24 WESTERN RAILROADS FACE TWO BIG STRIKES

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 31.—The Chicago and Alton and twenty-one other western railroads are not only facing a strike of the engineers and trainmen, but it is said 50,000 employees of the mechanical departments are preparing to vote on a strike Sept. 9. Negotiations with the railroad officials

road managers who have been in conference with the president at various times during the crisis are shown here. They are the national conference committee of the railroads and are: 1, G. S. Wald, vice president and general manager Sunset Central lines; 2, H. W. McMaster, general manager W. & L. E. R. R.; 3, C. H. Ewing, general manager P. & R. Ry.; 4, N. D. Maher, vice president N. & W. Ry.; 5, C. P. Neill, Washington; 6, G. H. Emerson, general manager Great Northern Ry.; 7, James Russell, general manager D. & R. G. R. R.; 8, S. E. Cotter, general manager Wabash R. R.; 9, C. L. Bardo, general manager N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.; 10, A. S.

Creig, assistant to receiver St. L. & S. F. R. R.; 11, P. E. Crowley, assistant vice president N. Y. C. R. R.; 12, Elisha Lee, chairman; 13, W. L. Seddon, vice president S. A. L. Ry.; 14, J. W. Higgins, Chicago; 15, A. J. Stone, vice president Erie railroad; 16, E. H. Coapman, vice president Southern railway; 17, J. G. Walber, New York; 18, L. W. Baldwin, general manager Cent. of Ga. Ry.; 19, A. M. Schoyer, resident vice president Penna. lines west; 20, E. W. Grice, general superintendent transportation C. & O. Ry.; 21, P. R. Albright, general manager A. C. L. R. R.; 22, C. W. Kouns, general manager A. T. & S. F. railway.

Withdrawal of General Pershing's expedition in Mexico, which is expected to follow soon after the meeting of the Mexican-American joint commission at Portsmouth, N. H., probably will lead to the early return home of all the guardsmen. Pershing's troops, added to the regulars already on the border, army officers think, would make the patrol sufficiently strong unless some new trouble developed.

for a flat increase of 5 cents and an eight hour day fall. Some of the northwestern roads agreed to the increase, but since then the eight hour demand has come up and will be submitted to all the railroads concerned. Alton officials are in session here considering the demands of the men.

WOUND FATAL TO "BELLER"

Marysville, O., Aug. 31.—Nathaniel Grant, nineteen, died as the result of a gunshot wound received when a crowd "belled" Mr. and Mrs. Welton Pratt at Raymond, this county. Grant was shot in the back when a shotgun carried by Walter Ballinger, seventeen, was accidentally discharged.

HEIRESS IS SUED

Springfield, O., Aug. 31.—Paul Grouf and Benjamin P. McKinney, New York city attorneys, filed suit here against Gertrude Claypool, New York heiress, who recently figured in a sensational episode in which it was alleged that an organized plan had been discovered to dissipate her fortune. They ask for \$3,000 for alleged services in connection with the New York difficulty. Miss Claypool is the niece of the late John W. Bookwalter, millionaire.

PROGRESS MADE BY ROUMANIANS

Gross Enemy's Frontier and Take Village and Prisoners.

NOW NEAR CITY OF KRONSTADT

Austro-Hungarian and Roumanian Batteries Exchanging Shells at Several Points On the Danube—Violent Fighting Raging in the Macedonian Zone—Drama, Greece, Seized by Bulgarians.

London, Aug. 31.—An official statement given out by the Roumanian war office declares that the Roumanian troops have made progress in their crossing of the Austro-Hungarian frontier and have reached several points, including a village east of Kronstadt. More than 750 prisoners have already been taken.

On the Danube, from the Iron Gate to Gurgevo, opposite Ruschuk, Bulgaria, there have been reciprocal bombardments at several points by Austro-Hungarian war craft and Roumanian shore batteries. A Zeppelin and a hostile aeroplane have dropped bombs on the Roumanian capital.

Austria's acknowledgment of the retirement of her forces in the mountainous region to previously prepared positions in the rear has been followed by claims by Roumania that the troops of King Ferdinand have arrived at a point within three miles of Kronstadt, the chief commercial city of Transylvania. Vienna admits that the Roumanians are engaged with the Austro-Hungarians in the Gyergo mountains, which show that off the northwestern front of Roumania 20-mile forces have invaded Transylvania some twenty-five miles. The Roumanians are also near Koedzi-Vasarehely, about forty miles northeast of Kronstadt.

While Bulgaria has not entered into the hostilities against Roumania, a news agency says Roumania has decided to send an ultimatum to Bulgaria demanding the evacuation of Serbia. A dispatch from Constantinople reports that Turkey has declared war on Roumania.

In the Macedonian theater violent fighting continues between the entente allies and the Austro-Germans and the Bulgarians. Claims are made that to the west of Vardar river the French have gained additional ground and that in the Lake Ostrovo region the Serbs have repulsed attacks by the Bulgarians. Drama, in northeast Greece, has been seized by the Bulgarians, after a fight with Greek troops, according to unofficial advices received in Paris.

Except for an extension of the British lines south of Martinpuich on the Somme front in France, there has been little activity, except by artillery, on the part of any of the belligerents in the western battle line. Likewise, on the front in Russia and Galicia, there have been no important changes in positions.

EIGHTH REGIMENT LEAVES FOR BORDER

Movement of Ohio Troops Not to Be Halted By Strike.

Columbus, Aug. 31.—If the movement of the Ohio national guard to the Mexican border, now in progress, is to be halted at all on account of the threatening railroad strike, it will not be until the strike is an actuality, officers declared. No cancellation order has been received and none is expected. Additional units will entrain every day in regular order until the railroad machinery stops, according to present plans.

The Fourth went to the border with 1,061 men and 54 officers, the largest regiment in Ohio. Fifty-four cars made up the three sections. The route is via Fostoria, Chicago and Kansas City to El Paso.

The Eighth regiment, under Colonel Edward Vollrath of Bucyrus, entrained today at Duffy's Station, on the Pennsylvania railroad, west of Upper Arlington camp. The first squadron of cavalry, including Troop B of Columbus, commanded by Captain Simeon Nash; the second field hospital company of Columbus, under Major H. H. Snively, and the second ambulance company of Columbus, under Captain D. T. Dawson, will leave tomorrow. The cavalry is commanded by Major Dudley Hard of Cleveland.

WILL BARE THEIR ARMS

Railroad Heads To Fight Strike Vigorously

See No Hope of a Settlement Before Labor Day.

PREPARE FOR EVENTUALITIES

Notice of Embargoes On Perishable Freight and Live Stock Given by Practically Every Important Railroad in the Country—President of the Santa Fe Road Issues Statement On the Situation.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Railroads throughout the country are gathering their forces to oppose the strike set for Monday.

The undercurrent of feeling reported at Washington that the catastrophe would yet be averted was not reflected here among railroad men. A summary of the situation made by E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, who was a member of the committee which conferred with President Wilson, as spokesman for railroad presidents who returned from the conferences at the national capital, intensified the pessimism felt here. Mr. Ripley asserted that the railroads can now see no hope of a settlement before Labor day and are making every preparation for eventualities.

Practically every important railroad in the country has given notice of embargoes. They affect perishable freight and live stock, which at present constitute about one-third of the freight traffic on most western roads, and passengers. Agents everywhere were instructed to warn passengers of probable delays and not to accept any perishable freight which could not normally be delivered before Sept. 4. In some cases the date was set for Saturday or Sunday.

Mr. Ripley's face had light wrinkles all over it as he worked his broad shoulders through the crowd at the station, and the expression translated itself into words in his subsequent statements.

He gave out three statements. The first statement was issued formally as the expression of the party which returned from Washington; the second was addressed to employees of the Santa Fe and warned those who might obey the strike order that they would lose all rights of seniority and of benefits from insurance and pension funds. The third was Mr. Ripley's plan for meeting the strike and an analysis of the railroads' side of the controversy.

There was some difference of opinion, he said, among the officials when they first arrived at Washington as to what course to pursue, but they became absolutely unanimous when requested to abandon arbitration. They were for it, he said. On the important subject of what the roads purpose to do he said that attempts would be made to keep at least one passenger train on each run and that preference would next be given perishable freight. Legislation proposed by President Wilson, he said, "seems not only obviously reasonable, but obviously necessary." "The managements of the railroads," he added, "will proceed upon the assumption that the strike will come on Labor day and will prepare to act accordingly."

DIVORCED; THEN WEDDED

Lisbon, O., Aug. 31.—Two minutes after Alice Huber was granted a divorce from her husband, Oral, she, in company with George Lawton, Jr., went into the probate court and secured a license to wed. They were wedded in the sheriff's office by the Rev. J. F. Hall, negro. Lawton and his bride are white.

Murder Suspect Held.
Columbus, Aug. 31.—Ed, alias "Preacher" Maliszewski, charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of Policeman Laufhutte, was held to the grand jury without bond. A pal of Maliszewski also is held.